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Title: Deferment of the Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2013.

...(Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Chairman, the Government has decided to refer the Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2013 to the Standing Committee of Parliament because the order passed by the Central Information Commission dated 3.6.2013 bringing political parties within the purview of the public authority under the RTI Act needs elaborate study. If it goes to the Standing Committee, there will be inputs given by various political parties and Members. Therefore, we want the Bill to be referred to the Standing Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Since the Government wants that the Right to Information (Amendment) Bill be referred to the Standing Committee, we will take up the next item, Item No.12.

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